



## **Sustainable Arlington**

### **An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington**

#### **Agenda**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting by Zoom

**Register in advance:** [register here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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At the start of the meeting, we will:

1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
2. Read [Preamble to Remote Meetings](#)
3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
4. Review “ground rules” for online meetings
5. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public.

#### **Agenda for Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

1. Introductions
2. Native American Land acknowledgement: <https://native-land.ca/>
3. Massachusetts is getting a Net Zero Stretch Code in 2022: How strong will it be?
  - a. Why it matters to Arlington: [Arlington MA Sustainable Buildings Initiative](#)

- b. [Advocates Guide to Net Zero Stretch Code](#) (1 page flyer)
  - c. [Consider contacting your Town Meeting Members](#). Ask them to read these materials and vote for Warrant Article 73. RESOLUTION / NET ZERO OPT-IN CODE FOR CITIES AND TOWNS. ([See Warrant for Annual Town Meeting](#) and scroll down to #73). This resolution endorses the promulgation of a strong and effective Net Zero Stretch Code for the whole state and thus allows Arlington to achieve the ambitious goals of its [Net Zero Action Plan](#).
- 4. Spy Pond "Adopt A Patch." Ongoing, small-scale project in collaboration with [Spy Pond Committee](#). Invasive plant removal, native plant seeding, patch-tending.
  - a. [Spy Pond Trails Day](#), Sat., May 7, 9-1,
- 5. [EcoWeek](#), April 22 - May 10 - many events including April 26 [Biodiversity Summit](#) (keynote by Rep. Dave Rogers),
- 6. The "[Solar Panel Panel](#)," [May 25](#), 7-8:30 pm, Arlington Community Education. Learn from Arlington homeowners who have already installed solar panels on their own homes.
- 7. Sustainable Arlington Member Slide Show. Starting in May, featuring your photos, taken in Arlington, of nature and other aspects of our local environment plus climate-related issues and solutions.
- 8. Arlington Heights Spring Fling Festival, May 21 (rain date, May 22). Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture. Preceded and supported by Arlington Heights [Spring Themed Window Painting](#), May 7. Applicants are welcomed to include simple messages and/or steps that people can take to protect our environment and promote eco-diversity in their yards and town wide.
- 9. [Warrant Articles for 2022 Town Meeting](#) that Sustainable Arlington voted to support:
  - a. Warrant Article 12. Bylaw Amendment / Single Use Plastic Water Bottle Regulation, submitted by [Zero Waste Arlington](#). [Warrant Article and executive summary](#)
  - b. Warrant Article 16, Bylaw Amendment / Noise Regulations for Gas Powered Leaf Blowers. [Leafblower Warrant Article](#); submitted by [Quiet Healthy Arlington](#).
  - c. Warrant Article 73. Resolution / [Net Zero Opt-In \[Building\] Code](#) for Cities and Towns.
  - d. Two [Rodenticide Warrant Articles](#) for 2022.
    - i. Article 18. Bylaw Amendment / Phase Out of Certain Toxic Rodenticides on Public/Private Property, With Reporting Requirement and Public Education
    - ii. Article 77. Resolution / Establishing an Integrated Pest Management Policy for Town Land, Prohibitions, and Public Education about Rodenticide Hazards.
- 10. Updates:
  - a. Planning Department
- 11. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wed., May 11 , 2022, 7:30-9 pm [register](#)

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